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Mr. James E. Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

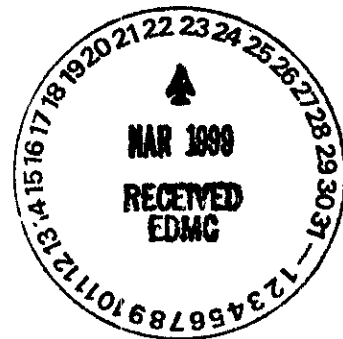
This letter is in response to your letter, "99-EAP-188" dated March 12, 1999, *Hexone Tanks 276-S-141 and 276-S-142*.

The request for exemption from New Source Review (NSR) for the above referenced project is approved. The technical justification for this exemption is based on the information submitted with the request. As demonstrated therein, emissions from the proposed activity appear to be de Minimus, will not impact any national ambient air quality standards, and are below the exemption threshold levels listed in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-400-110 (5)(d).

If you have further questions, please contact Jerry Hensley at (509) 736-3017.

Sincerely,

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